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REMARKS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed January 17, 2007 (hereinafter "Office Action"), claims 17, 24-31, 37, 40-44, and 52-54 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled or newly added. Therefore, claims 3-20, 24-37, 40-49, and 52-54 remain pending. Support for the instant amendments is provided throughout the as-filed Specification. Thus, no new matter has been added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following comments, allowance of all the claims pending in the application is respectfully requested.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Examiner Narayanswamy Subramanian is thanked for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives (Mr. Blaise and Mr. Compton) during a telephonic interview conducted on May 17, 2007. A summary of the substance of the interview was provided by Examiner Subramanian [Paper No. 20070517].

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

A. Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the references cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on **September 27, 2006**, as evidenced by the signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form returned with the Office Action.

B. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed by Applicant on **March 19, 2007**. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the cited

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references and provide a signed copy of the Form PTO-1449 for this submission with the next Office Action.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 3-20, 24-37, 40-49, and 52-54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as *allegedly* being directed to non-statutory subject matter [Office Action, pg. 2, ¶3]. In particular, the Examiner alleges that the aforementioned claims "...do not require any physical transformation and the invention as claimed does not produce a useful, concrete, and tangible result" [Office Action, pgs. 2-4]. The Examiner further alleges that the aforementioned claims recite non-statutory mathematical algorithms and "...recite data gathering step (display of information)" [Office Action, pgs. 4-6].

Applicant disagrees with propriety of the foregoing rejections for *at least* the reason that the Examiner is improperly reading limitations into 35 U.S.C. § 101 on the subject matter that may be patented. However, *solely* in an effort to expedite prosecution, and in no way conceding to the propriety of the rejection, independent claims 24-31, 37, 40-44, and 52-54 have been amended. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3-20, 24-37, 40-49, and 52-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is earnestly sought.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 3-20, 24-37, 40-49, and 52-54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as *allegedly* being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. Relying on MPEP § 2172.01, the Examiner recites:

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Claims 3-20, 24-37, 40-49, and 52-54 recite the limitation "displaying simultaneously information relating to one or more analysts' estimates for a selected future event, for a user-selected security, on an analyst by analyst basis only for selected analysts". It is not clear as to where the data/information that is being displayed comes from. Is there any processing or transformation of the data before it is being displayed? The claims recite "a user-selected security and/or a selected future event and/or selected analysts". However, there are no steps in these claims that perform the step of selection. Appropriate clarification/correction is required.

[Office Action, pg. 6, ¶5].

Applicant disagrees with the propriety of the rejection. However, the amendments to independent claims 24-31, 37, 40-44, and 52-54, made *solely* in an effort to expedite prosecution, have rendered this rejection moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3-20, 24-37, 40-49, and 52-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶2 is earnestly sought.

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CONCLUSION

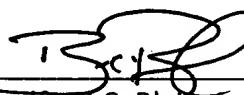
Having addressed each of the foregoing rejections, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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